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SPARY'S COUNSEL ADDRESSES JURY

Guided Missile
Takes Off

Prison For Film Stars

Hollywood, Feb. 9.—The actor Robert Mitchum was given 60 days in jail and two years' probation today on a marijuana conviction.

The blonde starlet Lila Leeds, picked up with the screen actor in a raid on her hillside cottage, was given the same sentence.

Forced Landing By Local Plane

An aircraft believed to belong to the Hongkong Flying Club which took off from Kai Tak at 7 a.m. this morning later made a forced landing on the beach at Harlan Bay.

The first report of the landing came from a Chinese Maritime Customs launch, and an RAF reconnaissance aircraft which was sent out reported that two Europeans could be seen by the plane.

The passengers were later identified as Mr. and Mrs. Coster.

Questions About Radio Hongkong

London, Feb. 9.—Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative Member, asked in the House of Commons today if the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, knew that many of the British Broadcasting Corporation's talks transmitted by Hongkong Radio were most unsuitable for Chinese listeners.

Mr. Gammans, who recently paid a short visit to Hongkong, wanted to know what arrangements were in force for consulting the public in the Colony about the nature of these BBC transmissions.

Mr. Creech Jones replied that he was consulting the Governor of Hongkong on these points and would communicate his reply to Mr. Gammans.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The German Challenge

JAPANESE industry, under the benevolent patronage of General MacArthur, is making great strides toward recovery, and already there are signs of a revival of under-cutting in world markets. Fortunately, the threat is widely recognized, and there have been protests from British and American industrialists and labour leaders. Even Britain's Communist newspaper, the Daily Worker, has complained of the "swamped labour" in Japan, and the resultant low prices of exports. Another, and more important threat, perhaps not so apparent in this part of the world, comes from Germany. There the currency reforms and Marshall Aid have combined greatly to increase the challenge of serious export competition. Up to now, this challenge has not unduly worried British manufacturers. The world demand for goods generally has been so high that British exporters have had an assured market for all they can produce, as well as back-logs of orders extending in some cases over several years. There is not yet any great change in this situation, but there are signs that in a year or so many British industries may find German competition serious. The broadening of the German export drive has resulted in the establishment of agencies as far afield as Singapore, and many bi-lateral trade agreements have been signed. Many orders have gone to Germany, exporters because they can offer not only quicker delivery but lower prices. The answer to why this is possible is at present obscure. There are several theories: lower wages in industry, prices which do no cover costs, and—most important to British industrialists—greater efficiency of pro-

duction. It is true that German workers are paid less than British, but lower wages do not automatically mean lower labour costs. Output per man hour has to be taken into consideration, and in some German industries that is much lower than before the war. It is impossible to judge whether German exporters are selling at uneconomical prices, but the prices of some of their products lead British industrialists to that conclusion. The German trend before the war was to give export bonuses and subsidies to manufacturers, but this advantage appears to be denied to them now, and any reintroduction of a parallel system would no doubt be frowned upon by the occupation authorities. The lesson to British industrialists is that German industrial efficiency must be high. German competition is reappearing, chiefly in those fields where Germany had a commanding position before the war. In many of these fields war brought expansion and improvements in technique, and the Germans are now producing new models and designs. So that the present competition is not based entirely on labour costs or subsidies. British industries must face this challenge if Britain's export drive is to succeed. During and since the war British industries have been stimulated to impressive efforts, but it is to be hoped that the limits of improvement have not been reached. Britain's standard of life and her reputation for the best goods can only be maintained or raised against present world competition by improved productivity, better technique and management, harder work and lower prices.

Not Attempting To Save Own Skin At Expense Of Another Man

FINAL PHASES OF LARCENY TRIAL

In the course of his address to the jury on behalf of Austin Spary this morning, Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton refuted any suggestion that Spary was "passing the buck" to Kwok Kwong. Counsel declared that Spary, during his evidence in the witness box, had done nothing to suggest he was either shielding or attacking Kwok. What Spary said was the truth, and there was no indication that he was attempting to save his own skin at the expense of another man's skin.

Spary, 50, electrical inspector, Grade I, Public Works Department, and Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman of the electrical workshop at Hunghom, are on trial before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions on eleven counts of larceny by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Addressing the Jury, Mr D'Alton said: Members of the Jury, I now address you on behalf of my client, Austin Spary. You have heard at considerable length the evidence put before you in this Court for and against one count and another. Mr Chen, in his devastating eloquence, destroyed the fragile case of the prosecution to a large extent and all that remains for me is to go over a few points which escaped the destructive effect of his speech.

"You have been told to look at the evidence as a whole, but I am sure that by now you know that should not be the case. The mere fact that a man is charged with many offences is not proof of his guilt on every one of them. Each and every one must be proved to your satisfaction."

Counsel went on to deal with the events connected with the Yacht Club job, and said the only point in dispute was whether the foreman of the Wanchai workshop, Ho Ting, was or was not present when Mr Forsyth, of the Roads Office, spoke to Spary in regard to the arrangements, and Spary, in his evidence, was quite definite that the work was to be done by the Government workmen in non-Government time. The more use of so-called Government men, and Counsel emphasised he used the word "so-called", because it was really a misnomer, in non-Government time as no criminal at all, as the prosecution had agreed. Though he might be new to the Bar in Hongkong, he was no stranger to the customs of the country.

ger to the customs of the country of the majority of the prosecution witness, said Counsel. He had lived in that country for nearly 40 years, and he would say that it was a country of delegation. One man would be told to do a job, and he would immediately find someone else to do it, and that man in turn would find somebody else. From the evidence, it appeared that the arrangements for the job were between the steward of the Club and the workmen, and yet it was strange that the steward had not been called to give evidence.

CASUAL, BUT NOT STUPID

Referring to the bill which Spary eventually presented for payment, Counsel remarked that if there was any conspiracy on Spary's part, he would not have prepared such a detailed list, but would merely have asked Forsyth to let him have a bill in order to collect the money. Spary might have been casual, said Mr D'Alton, but he was not stupid. He submitted there was no criminal intent on the part of Spary. The answer to the allegation of the theft of 600 yards of electric wiring was contained in Spary's evidence that no stores could be drawn from the stores proper without a stores order note signed by the CIG and his foreman. The allegation of the prosecution should have been followed up by the production of the stores order note as they had not suggested the materials were abandoned or were left over from other jobs, but claimed it had been taken from the stores.

Dealing with the count regarding the alleged theft of three ceiling fans, which were installed in the Hongkong Football Club, Mr D'Alton submitted that there was no question of any payment, or profit. There was a secrecy about the matter, Spary had told his men to take the fans and to put them up at the Club. He believed he was within the scope of his authority, and if he was acting with that belief in mind, but so long as it was founded or not, was no crime. Spary had also declared that had the fans not been installed in the Football Club he would have smashed them up. It had been suggested by the prosecution that the fans were taken from the Fire Brigade building, but there was evidence that before the war, such property was stamped by Government, although the prosecution had brought a witness who had said he had seen tags with numbers attached to the fans.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURE

The installation of the two fluorescent lamps in Shields' office in Gloucester Building was distinguished from other counts in that there was payment made to Spary. Counsel had believed he was acting within the scope of his authority, but he charged Shields for supplying the fan and the plugs. The fan was his private property and the plugs were bought out of his own pocket. Why should Spary not get the money back for these articles, asked Counsel. Was there any reason why he should have supplied them free to Shields? If there was any money paid, it was simply the transfer of personal goods from one man to another, he submitted.

As for the two lamp-shades installed in No. 228 Nathan Road, Counsel remarked he could not understand why the prosecution had not dropped that count. It savoured more of persecution than prosecution, to put it bluntly. Spary had admitted he did not think he had personal ownership of them, but thought that he had authority to take them as they were "junk". They were in his office, and he had said he did not like them. When he heard that Mrs. Wheeler required some lamp-shades, he sent them along to her. Kwok Kwong had been involved in that count, but all he did was to tell someone to take them to the address.

NOT ANTI-POLICE

"There has been some talk about unjust accusations against the Police," Mr D'Alton went on. "I must disclaim any thought that I am being anti-Police. However, I am also not pro-Police. Sometimes I like them, sometimes I don't. It was alleged in this particular case that improper threats had been used by Johnson to Mrs. Wheeler to extract a statement from her. In regard to the explanation given, he said he merely intimidated her that if she was not able to make a statement, he would have to come and see her. But why say 'I shall come and see you in your office.' It seems to me the effect of that was 'I know you are employed somewhere, and I know your employer won't like to see a policeman in the place.' Why didn't he say 'I'll go around and see you in your residence.' By the way, the office is a public shop—Messrs A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.

"I now come to the Bowling Green job. You have all heard Spary. You have seen him in the box. You must know what an ordeal it is for a man to be subjected to cross-examination. It is a ruthless and cruel weapon which can inflict a severe wound on a man. He was asked why he did not get witnesses to support his story, and he has told you that they all denied all knowledge when he approached them on the matter. Wasn't that a natural thing?"

TELLING THE TRUTH

"It has been suggested by the prosecution that Spary was passing the buck to Kwok Kwong. There is nothing in his statement in the box to suggest that he was either shielding or attacking Kwok Kwong. He was telling the truth, and he showed no indication that he was attempting to save his own skin at the expense of the skin of another man."

"The matter was an open one. There was no secret about it. This has been borne out by the prosecution witness. There was no conspiracy about it. The evidence was that Spary asked for cash. It was more convenient to have cash than a cheque. Those of you who are members of Clubs know that it is not an uncommon practice for a member

to hand a cheque to the steward and ask him for cash.

"When one considers a case of this kind, which is not only one of the longest but one of the strangest that has occurred in the Colony, and where you have a number of suggestions and inferences of pointing to direct conspiracy, there is always a duty on the part of all

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Hongkong Hotels Convicted On False Return Summons

TWO FINES OF \$1,000 AND ONE OF \$500 IMPOSED

Judgment in the Hongkong Hotel case was delivered by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning when he found all defendants guilty on a summons for making an alleged false return under the Price Control (Hotel Services) Regulations, 1946.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$1,000 on the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd and a similar fine on Mr F. C. Barry (Managing Director). Mr J. H. Ehrlich (Manager of the Hongkong Hotel) was fined \$500.

Mr A. Hoodon (Crown Counsel), assisted by Det-Sub-Insps J. Moore, prosecuted while Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr R. A. Wadson (Deacons) was for the defence. The Magistrate's judgment read: For the review of the case but not in the order in which the summonses were taken I propose to name as the First Defendant the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd, with its managing director Mr F. C. Barry and the manager of Hongkong Hotel Mr J. H. Ehrlich as the Second Defendant and the Third Defendant respectively.

False returns to the Competent Authority for the purposes of this Price Control (Hotel Services) Regulations, 1946 are the substance of the complaint against the defendants. There is no evidence that the Competent Authority has exercised any strict control over the room charges of the defendant company since these regulations were made on the 18th September 1946 except that in cross-examination Mr Ehrlich said "At that time we were controlling prices under gentlemen's agreement."

These regulations were, however, repealed and superseded on the 14th July 1948 by the Price Control (Hotels) (Control of Charges) Regulations, 1948, but the expiry or repeal of the former does not invalidate the present proceedings. The defendants were summoned under Regulation 75 of the Defence Regulations, 1940 and punishable under Regulation 84 of the Defence Regulations, 1940.

Regulation 75 reads as follows: (1) If any person— (a) in pursuance of any of these regulations or any order made under any of these regulations, makes any statement or furnishes any information which he knows to be false in a material particular; or (2) makes such statement as aforesaid in any account declaration, estimate, return or other document which he is required by an order under any of these regulations to make,

he shall be guilty of an offence against the regulation.

As to Penalty to such offence Regulation 76 says: (1) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of these regulations or any order or rule made under any of these regulations, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars or to both such imprisonment and to such fine, or (2) on conviction on indictment he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to both such imprisonment and to such fine.

FIRST DEFENDANT

Referring to the summons against the First Defendant the Learned Counsel for the defendants said in his final submission that there was not a word about the defendant company and that it was not until 1944 that a corporation could be convicted of an offence involving mens rea and that he did not feel inclined to discuss that complicated Law, because it had not been mentioned against the First Defendant. What then was the complaint laid against the First Defendant on the 6th September 1946?

On that day Inspector Moore, Special Branch, Police Head Quarters, laid a complaint at the Central Magistracy that on the 14th day of June 1948 in this Colony in answer to a request made by the defendant for the Competent Authority for the purpose of the Price Control (Hotel Services) Regulations, 1946 in exercise of the powers conferred upon the said Competent Authority under Regulation 5 of the said regulations furnished to the said Competent Authority information which the defendant had reasonable cause to believe was false in a material particular, namely that the Hongkong Hotel was a permanent resident contrary to Regulation 75 and punishable under Regulation 84 of the Defence Regulations, 1940.

The Law seems settled now that a body corporate can be indicted for or

charged with any criminal offence only subject to the following exceptions: (1) A body corporate cannot be indicted for a criminal offence which only individuals can commit. In other words a limited company, public or private, cannot be charged with a criminal offence, which cannot be vicariously committed as, Evidently Perjury or treason. (2) A body corporate cannot be indicted for a criminal offence in respect of which the only sentence that the Court can impose is corporal; e.g. murder. Because a company cannot be hanged or imprisoned.

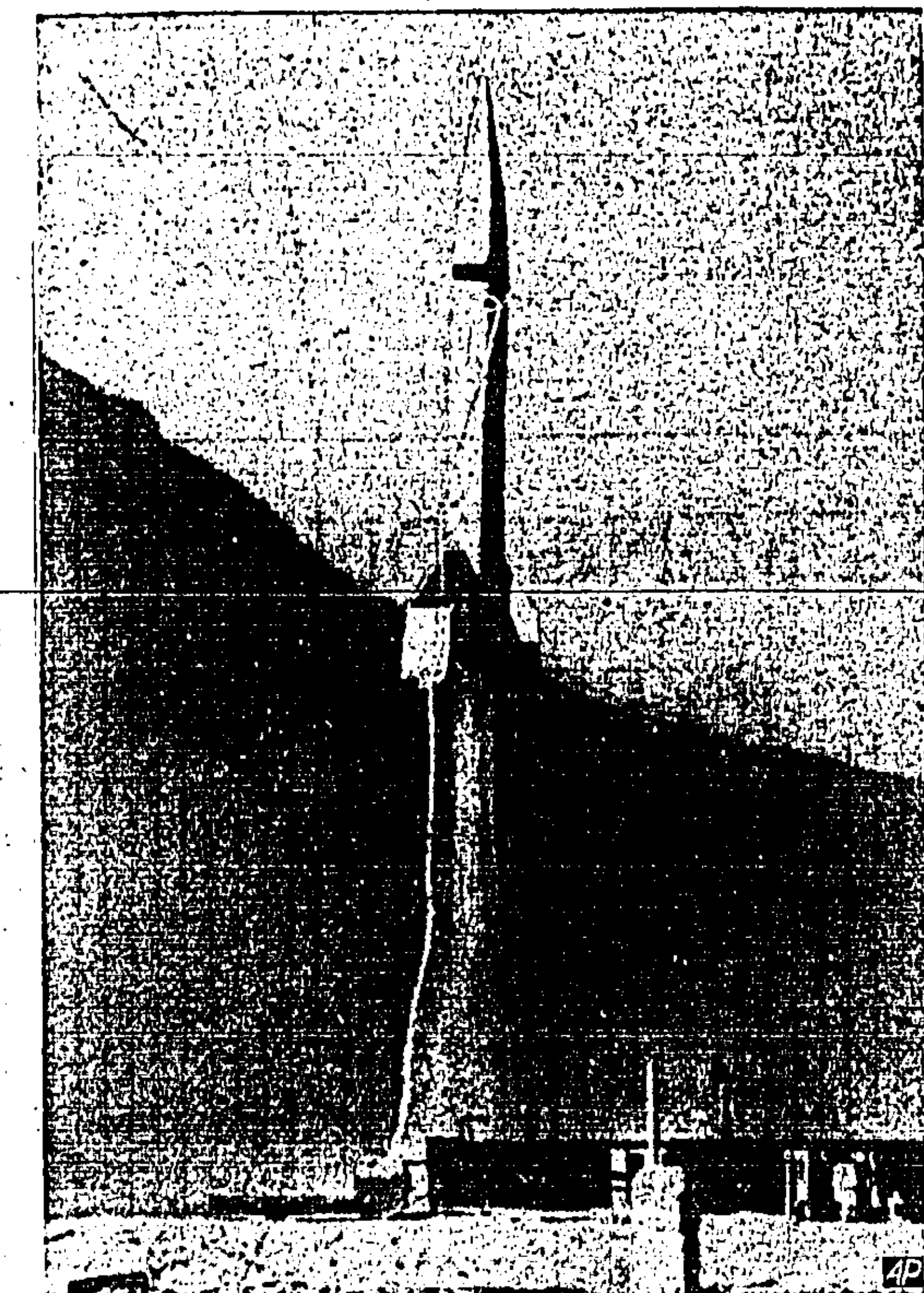
JUDICIAL DECISIONS

A long line of judicial decisions—extending over one century (as old as Hongkong) commencing from Patterson v. R. in R. v. Birmingham and Gloucester Ry Co. (1842) 3 Q.B. 122 is concerned with the scope of words of Lord Cranworth in R. v. Granger v. Great Western Ry (1854) 5 H.L. 277—envisage that the attitude of the English Courts has in the passage of time undergone a process of development in this branch of the law and that the following has been well established: (1) The acts of the officers or agents of a company civil or criminal, done within the scope of their agency or in the course of their employment must be imputed to the company that employ them. (2) The criminal liability of a limited company must depend upon the nature of the charge, the relative position of the officers and agents and other relevant facts and circumstances of the case. Of course it is a general principle of the Criminal Law that a man is not to be convicted of a crime, if he has no mens rea, but there are exceptions to that common law rule, which are based upon the terms of particular statutes. Many statutes are passed with this object.

LEGISLATURE'S INTENTIONS

The authorities make it plain that while the fact of a corporation being criminally responsible for the acts of its servants, yet the Legislature may prohibit an act or enforce a duty by its words as to make the prohibition or the duty absolute in which the principal is liable if the forbidden thing—do by his servants. The intention of the Legislature—in order to guard against the happening of the forbidden thing—do by his servants. The intention of the Legislature—in order to guard against the happening of the forbidden thing—do by his servants. The intention of the Legislature—in order to guard against the happening of the forbidden thing—do by his servants.

To ascertain whether a particular act of Parliament has that effect or not regard must be had to the object of the statute, the words used, the nature of the duty laid down, the person upon whom it is imposed, the person by whom it would in ordinary circumstances be performed. (Continued on Page 8)



The Consolidated Vultee 774, first U.S. Air Force guided missile to approach the size of the German V-2, heads for the upper spaces after leaving its launching platform at the White Sands, New Mexico, proving grounds. The 32-foot missile, powered by a liquid fuel motor, has reached supersonic speeds and is potentially capable of reaching altitudes of more than 100 miles. — AP Picture.

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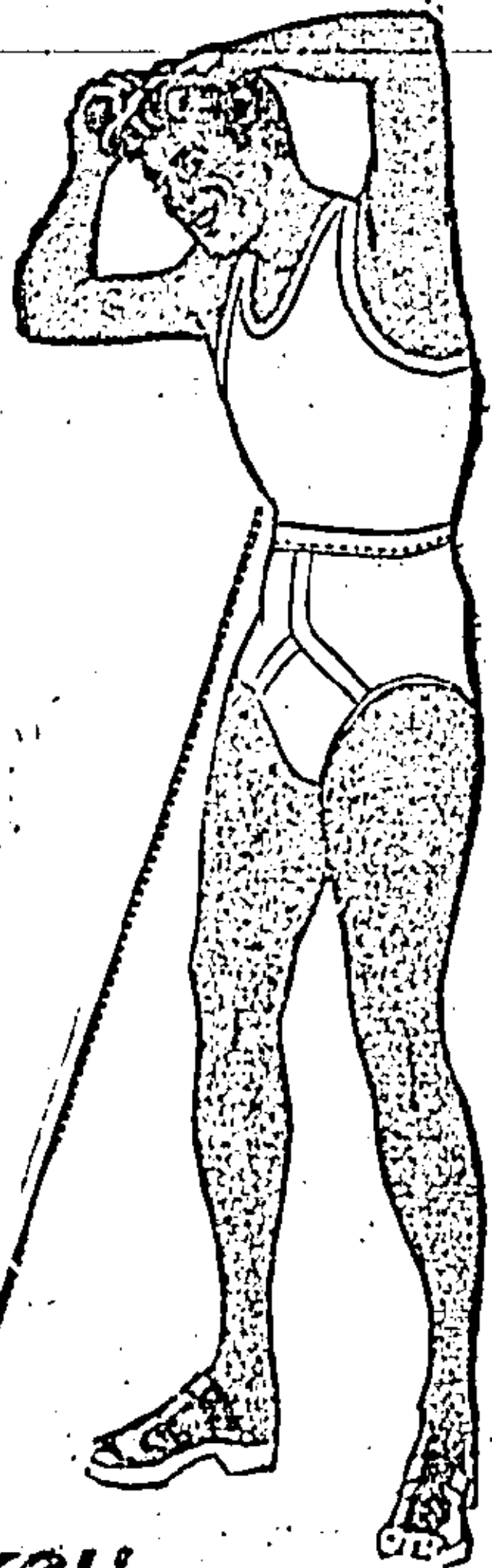
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PARISIAN SPORTSWEAR—A blustery Parisian winter doesn't interfere with the comfort of this apple green wool skirt with slanting pockets, as modelled on the left. The blouse and skull cap are of black wool. The ski ensemble is of two-shaded grey wool, with a wide knitted band of red wool on the jacket for warmth.

GET RID OF BAD BREATH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN,
M.D.

Take Care Of New Rain Togs

By ELEANOR ROSS

RAINY daisies bloom especially bright this year, for never were rain togs so gay, so pretty. In fact, a new rain coat, a new umbrella, colourful rubbers appeared in many a Christmas gift list, as a present both pretty and practical. What nicer boon than a raincoat, umbrella and hood all to match?

The new umbrellas are very smart, especially those brightly coloured affairs with long crook handles that have a sort of eighteenth century dandy air. The idea of an umbrella sheath is good since it not only turns an umbrella into a walking stick, when not in rain duty, but it protects the cover from closet dust.

Water-Resistant Fabric

Most water-resistant fabrics can be cared for by just wiping with a damp cloth. Go over nylon or processed taffeta umbrellas once in a while to restore their freshness. Every now and then, give your umbrella, whatever the cover fabric, a good going over. First, open it and brush away the loose surface dust. Hold it over the bath tub and brush gently the outside of the material with a soft brush dipped in thick suds. Give special attention to the centre fold of each section where the fabric generally shows the most soil. An easy way to rinse off the soap is with a hand spray or by turning on the shower.

Let the umbrella dry opened, and see that it is thoroughly dry before folding and replacing in sheath. If handle and sheath are of leather, give them a going over with a leather cleaner and preservative to complete the job.

Lining of Goggles

If you come upon a pair of goggles that is in good condition, except for the inside being dirty, don't throw them away. If you don't wish to pass them on, the lining can be cleaned as easily as the exterior. Simply turn the overshoes inside out and dunk in a tub of warm soapy water, and let them soak a few minutes. Then, with a small, fairly soft brush, scrub over the entire lining.

For very soiled linings it may be necessary to repeat the operation. Rinse them thoroughly and place to dry away from sunlight or direct heat. Goggles will stand many, many washings if you handle them carefully, and if you go over the rubber with a little glycerine or a bit of petrolatum jelly once in a while.

Household Hints

Wide, flaring lamp shades give off more light than do narrow styles with straight sides. Table lamps with shades 14 to 16 inches wide across the bottom, and large floor lamps with 18 to 20-inch shades (bottom measurement) give the best distribution of light.

To remove nail polish from a cotton material, sponge the stain with nail polish remover, or apply a drop of banana oil to soften the polish, then use a dry cleaning soap.

The Secret Of Chinese Beauty Arts

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—Chinese women are noted for their beautiful eyes, and their secret, we can report today, is watching gold-fish swim.

Anna May Wong suggested you spend a half hour or so a day watching the fish swim around the bowl. She claims it will sharpen and beautify the eyes.

Miss Wong, who temporarily gave up the movies when producers kept casting her as the villainess, has been touring the country telling American women how Chinese women keep beautiful. She's a good ad, incidentally, for her own advice.

"The Chinese treatment for keeping the hands beautiful," says Miss Wong, "is rolling a walnut in the palm of each. We practise concentrated toe-wiggling to beautify the feet."

Egg-White on Face

China, Miss Wong said, originated the best method yet devised of tightening the skin of the face—covering it with a mask of egg-white.

"The most important contribution to all-around beauty," she added, "is surrounding yourself with beautiful things." Miss Wong, still tall, sleek and beautiful, is returning to the screen in a strong role as a Chinese maid in "Impact," a Harry Popkin production, for United Artists.

Fickle Style

"I dropped out of films when they started casting me as the villainess in 'Good Earth' and 'Dragon Seed', for example, everybody in the east was Caucasian except the wicked women. Since the films were about Chinese, I felt I couldn't be the only Chinese in the east to play a wicked role."

Miss Wong, who wears both American and Chinese clothes, says Chinese styles are more fickle than American.

"The side slit may be an inch higher one year than it was the year before," she said. "One season there are three rows of braid, and the next two."

Miss Wong, experienced—but insisted on the old Chinese fabrics in her clothes. Now she wears simple, colourful gowns in an artistic-blending-of-the-east-and-west.

Beautiful Blouses



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

COSTUME blouses do a fine job of filling in the wardrobe. They make for a constant change of clothes for suit wearers and for separate skirt addicts. Mahogany brown jersey is used for the first blouse, which has a scooped-out neckline, making an attractive setting for necklaces. It buttons down the front. The second blouse is of pale blue tissue faille and has a double yoke effect cut in one with the little loose tabs. The collar is round. In contrast to the first blouse, this one buttons up high.

The Camisole Suit Is Tops For Travel This Spring

NEW YORK—The camisole suit is a new note in the 1949 spring fashion collections, introduced by Vera Maxwell, a designer who considers the needs of her customers.

Miss Maxwell, famous for well-worn country clothes, unusual tweeds and casual styles, developed the camisole suit as a solution for the problems of travellers.

It consists of a bare-topped sun or informal dinner dress in sheer wool, with a brief cover-up jacket in contrasting wool. Equipped with a buttoned placket, the jacket, it is a dress that can be equally at home at the dinner table or on the country club terrace.

Cold Weather Beauty Ills



During cold weather, apply a rich face cream lightly at least twice a day to guard against chapping.

By HELEN FOLLETT

TELL me, pretty maiden, are you afflicted with any cold weather beauty ills? There are certain ones from which we are free in the summer time. Remember, when you were basking in the sun, taking on the golden glow? All gone now, and the complexion is normal again. But cold winds chap it, so you must be busy with the fragrant cream, give your face a good slathering every night before you go to bed.

Nose red? Let us hope not. That is one good looks grief that will make a girl want to retire to some vast wilderness. But don't worry. Hustle up your circulation by brisk walks and salt glows in the morning, and apply ointment of zinc oxide to the flaming peak.

Chapped hands are a common trouble. It won't do to even run to the corner mail box without wearing gloves if the weather happens to be nippy. Tender flesh can be stayed quickly by a cold

wind. Don't fail to have your hand lotion nearby, where it will stare you in the eye, rebuke you if you forget to apply it.

What about exercise? Are you looking pale, feel that you must use more rouge? Stand at an open window once a day and air-condition your lungs.

What about your feet? You should not walk on cold sidewalks in spaces that do not offer proper protection. See that yours have leather soles that are flexible for ease in walking but still will keep the toesies warm.

You may need a change of make up at mid-season, powder a little lighter, cheek bloom a bit more delicate. But you can play with your lipstick to your little heart's desire. Glowing lip veneer looks particularly enchanting with woollens, furs and velvets. You are entitled to go the limit and you probably will.



Dress Up Corned Beef Hash

"ANY hash today, Madame?" asked the Chef in the best tone of a grocery clerk, and he pointed to an array of tins of Next I take your beautiful new square Mexican baking dish. I'll oil it. I spread in the hash. It will almost fill the dish. Now with a spoon I make four depressions in the hash. I carefully break an egg into a cup and slide it into each depression. I dust with salt and pepper. I sprinkle well with grated sharp cheese. I dot with a little of the butter. I place the entire composition in a hot oven, and bake about 20 minutes until it is hot, the top is golden brown, the eggs are firm, and the cheese has blended. Et voilà, the Corned Beef Hash Financier!

Dinner
Salad Bowl Appetiser
Corned Beef Hash and Poached Eggs
Parslaid Carrots Hot Rolls
Butter or Margarine
Open Fig Cake
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements are Level
Receptes Serve Four
Corned Beef Hash and Poached Eggs Platter

Chill a tin of corned beef hash. Open at both ends and slide out the hash. Cut into eight 1/2-inch slices with a sharp knife. Dip in fine dry bread crumbs and brown on both sides in meat fat. Meanwhile prepare 4 poached eggs and 2 c. fried onions. To arrange, place 4 slices corned beef hash down the centre of the platter; top each with a poached egg. Put the remaining slices of hash on each side; fill in the spaces with the fried onions. Garnish with parsley. Serve very hot.

Open Fig Cake
Make a plain egg cake mixture and bake in two 8-in. layers. When cool, put together with a thick layer of fig filling, and sift confectioner's sugar over the top.
Fig Filling: Wash 1/2 lb. figs thoroughly in warm water. Drain, cut off the stem ends. Place the figs in a saucepan; add 2 c. boiling water and let stand 1 hr. Then remove the figs, chop fine and return to the water in which they were soaked. Add the grated rind of 1/2 orange, and 1/2 tsp. lemon juice. Cover, and simmer until tender, about 30 min. Add 1/2 c. sugar. Continue to slow-cook until thick, like jam. The cool and use as a filling for cake or pie. If desired, 1/3 c. chopped nut meats may be added.
Prune Filling: If figs are too expensive, use prune filling prepared the same way.

Trick of the Chef
To poach eggs successfully, halt all a deep frying pan with water. Add 1 tsp. vinegar and 1/2 tsp. salt; bring to a rapid boil. Break each egg into a deep sauce dish and slide it into the boiling water. Do not crowd them. When all the eggs are in, reduce the heat so the water merely bubbles. Cover and poach until firm, not more than 5 min. Remove from the water with a large perforated spoon.

Tempting Dish
"But Madame," he protested, "my intention is just to make a dish out of this corned beef hash that will be tempting even to the appetite of the gourmet."

"All right, what's your idea?" The Chef assumed his most impressive professional air. "First I make one cupful of smooth rich thick white sauce."

"How rich?" I asked.
"Well, it will be made with top cream," he said, "which is in the budget, the top of the bottle. I mix, remove from the water with small season this sauce with a little

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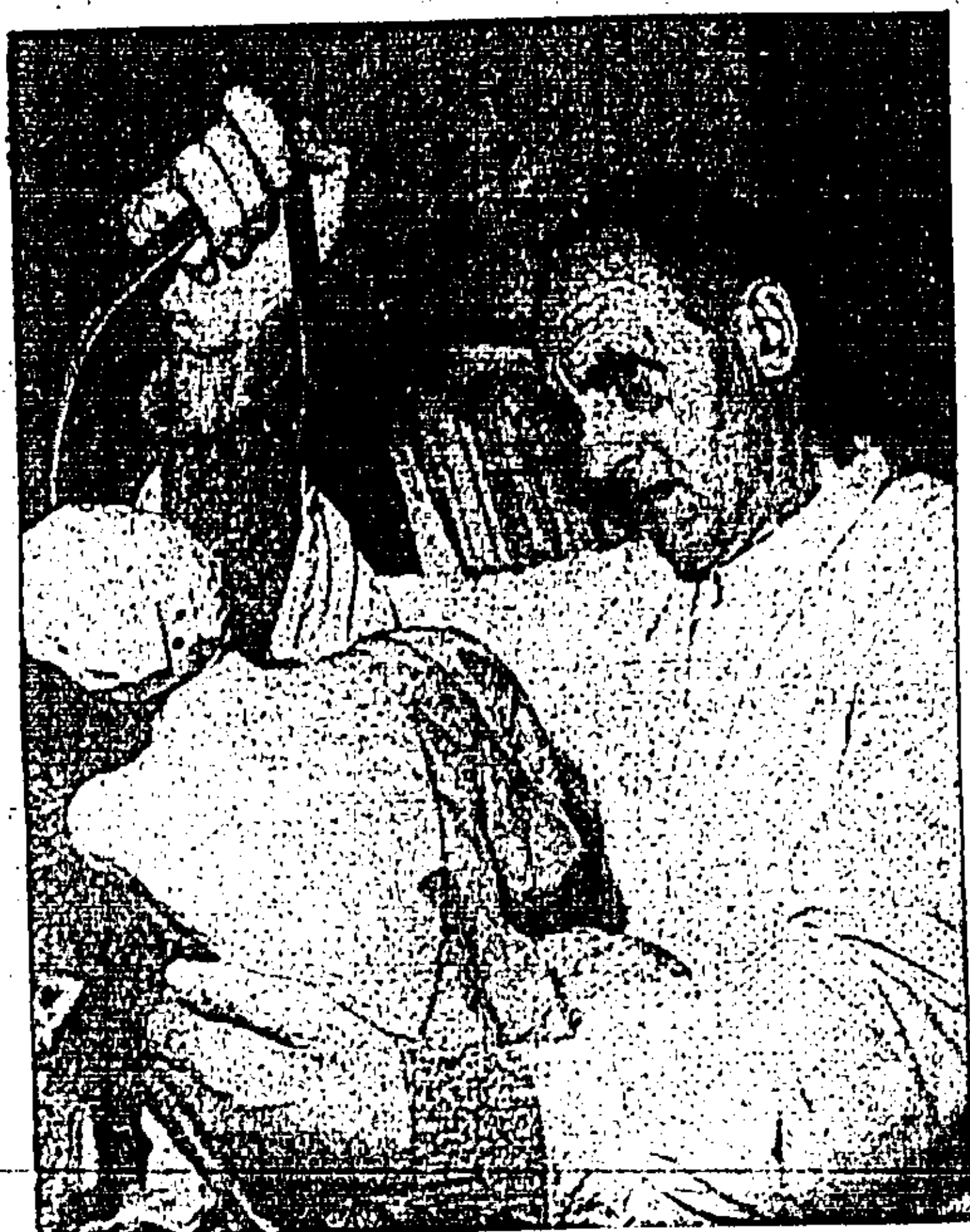
START LIFE ANEW—Eighteen-month-old twins, Irene, left, and Mary Neal, daughters of a Roseburg, Oregon, nurseryman, seem contented upon their arrival at LaGuardia Airfield, New York. Their mother's death caused their moving to Syracuse to live with grandparents.



ASSETS LIQUIDATED—Workers handle \$68,446.36 worth of pennies which became \$1,000 worth of steel at the United States mint at Denver, Colorado. The 7,000,000 wartime zinc-coated steel pennies, weighing 20 tons, were taken out of circulation, defaced and sent to the steel mills.



RAF BALLOONS—Jokingly referred to during the war as the only things that kept heavily overloaded England from sinking into the sea, RAF balloons still fly over Cardington, Bedfordshire, the balloon training base.



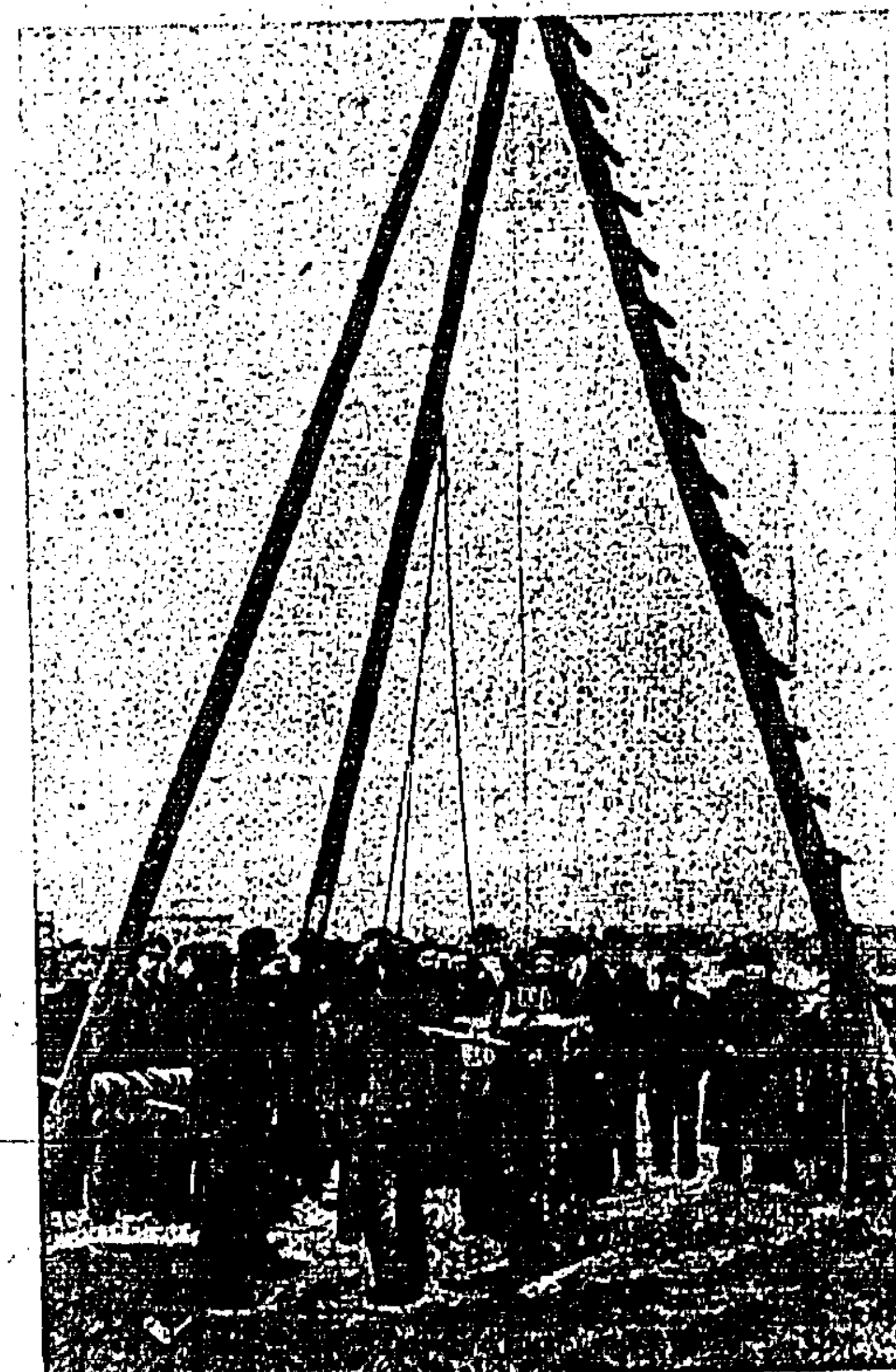
ARTISTIC HOBBY—Stage manager Georg Johann Lang relaxes from the footlights in a Munich theatre. Formerly a student at Munich Art Academy, he is working on a wooden carving for a crib in an Offenburg church.



DPS IN CANADA—A mine foreman, left, instructs refugees in the use of the hard-rock drill in a Timmins, Ontario, gold mine. Over 2,500 displaced persons are now employed in Canadian mines.



COSTUME CAPE—It's checks and chic this season, according to this New York modelled spring outfit. The double-breasted cape, lined with red-silk surah, tops an all-black dress with a slim wool skirt.



AIRLIFT SUPPLEMENT—Miners start drilling for brown coal believed to be under the French sector of Berlin. Western Berlin's city council appropriated \$35,000 for the initial work, with hopes of mining 1,000 tons daily by the Autumn.



FLYING FISHES—Its geographic position didn't stop a Chicago hotel from having fresh fish at the opening of its new seafood restaurant. Hotel official Pat Hey, a local swimmer, and hostess Betty Shiner, admire a few tasty Atlantic Ocean catches.



WEAPONS OF THE PAST—H. C. Dasappa, Minister of Finance and Industry for the state of Mysore, India, inspects guns used by Chief Geronimo on display in a hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. On a tour of inspection of American industries, the Indian official stopped at Nevada after a visit to the Hoover Dam.

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CandourNEW YORK.
ALL over the U.S. people
have something to say
about Britain.In Boston, for instance, an
old friend, Edward Weeks,
editor of the thoughtful
magazine Atlantic Monthly, re-
ported on his first postwar visit
to Britain.His verdict: Things are bad
but better, and they will be
better soon."There are a valiant, decent people.
They have imposed upon themselves
a set of iron rules which I doubt any
other nation would accept with such
little cheating," he says."English coffee still tastes as if it
were made out of old Plantagenet
coffins.
"England has always been the
nail on which men have hammered
the freedom of Western Europe.
So it is today."AND IN NEW YORK two news-
papers showed widely opposed
views on Britain's relationship with
America.The Daily News urged that
because the U.S. is so strong and
Britain so weak, America should
take over all Bermuda and the West
Indian Empire.But the New York Post made the
accusation that President Truman is
the first President in American
history to return the U.S. to "the
status of a British Colonial depen-
dency" by knocking under to
Whitehall in foreign policy and
particularly over Palestine.IN FROM BRITAIN, Sir Alexander
Maxwell, in his capacity, as
tourist boss this time, has set out on a
lecture tour to persuade Americans to
"come and judge us for them-
selves instead of by second-hand
opinions."One persuasion he will not use is
a Come-to-Britain advertisement
showing a gillie smoking pipe, and
his employer smoking a fat cigar.He told me an American anti-
tobacco society has accused the
British Travel Bureau of a subtle
campaign to promote smoking, and
as Sir Alexander is also, of course,
tobacco adviser to the Government,
that is embarrassing to him.The charges are false anyway,
because he confides that the Govern-
ment's tobacco policies, which he
nominally has stopped one and a
half million English people smoking.
FOOTNOTE: Sir Alexander, a
pipe-smoker in England, has taken
up cigarettes in America.LAKE SUCCESS FLASH: Unesco
has a new job. It has been asked
to summon a world conference to
force all countries to adhere to a
world standard for the pitch of the
musical note A.SHOW BUSINESS: Greer Garson
and Agnes Moorehead are
writing an historical play together.
The play "Harvey," about to
open in London, is about to close on
Broadway after a four-year run....
America's chief party-giver, Elsa
Maxwell, gave one for Charles
Boyer. She spoke to him all the
time in French, and he spoke to her
in English. "Television sets will be
installed in 100 New York grocery
stores to attract customers.TELLING
TALES
of the world
we live in...THE DUTMAN, on his first call
of the New Year, said to the
householder: "Congratulations of the
season from the men who empty
your dustbin."
Householder, rather light in pocket:
"And compliments to you all from
the man who fills it!"The visitor was being shown the
great ravine. Said the guide: "It
took a million years for this ravine
to be carved."
"Which Government department
was in charge?" asked the visitor.The professional footballer's
mother wanted a doll. Her
mother said: "We can't afford it."
And daughter suggested: "Well,
mummy, can't we sell daddy again?"In Moscow, where jokes against
bureaucratic snootiness flourish, they
are saying that half the Government
departments don't know what the
other half is doing. But they're
investigating.Grateful German tenant, thank-
ing the British authorities for the
tenancy of a pre-fab home, wrote:
"It's fine, but perhaps just a little too
tight around the hips."

It's a high mountain that has no summit

Headache For The
Liberal Party

By W.J. BROWN, M.P.

LADY Megan Lloyd
George, the distin-
guished daughter of
a famous father, has been
appointed Deputy Leader
of the Liberal Party in
Parliament, the party of
which, in its heyday of
power, the Mr Lloyd
George was the driving
force and the inspiration.
Today it is a very small
party of a dozen Members
in the House of Commons.
But this does not dauntLady Lloyd George, who, in an
interview with that veteran
Liberal journalist, Mr A. J.
Cummings, has issued a stirring
call for a Liberal revival.But like Mr Clement Davies, the
Liberal leader, Lady Lloyd George
is silent upon the problem that
must be giving the headquarters of
the party a very painful headache.
What are the Liberals to do at the
next election?If there is to be any hope of an
impressive Liberal revival, the
Liberal Party must convey to the
electorate that it can provide an
alternative government. Now if it
is to convey this to the people, it
must promote candidates for at
least a majority of the 640 seats
which are filled at a General
Election. If it puts up merely a
few score candidates, the cry of
both the other parties—Conservative
and Labour—will be, "A vote for
the Liberals is a wasted vote."

Large Total Vote

BUT if the Liberals put up three or
four hundred candidates, this
and organising potentialities as they
present over a very wide area.
They would undoubtedly poll a
larger total vote on this basis, but
might well secure, through the dis-
persal of effort, even fewer seats
than if they concentrate on a few
dozen seats which they have some
chance of winning.Moreover, under the British elec-
toral system, which provides neither
for proportional representation nor
for the alternative vote, the effectof the transfer of even comparative-
ly small numbers of votes to Liberal
candidates, which would probably
otherwise be cast for Conservative
candidates, would be to secure the
election, on a minority vote, of
the electoral generalissimo of the
Labour Party, probably hopes for
large numbers of Liberal candidates
for this reason.Now the composition of the
Liberal Party is very mixed. It
long ago shed most of its radically-
minded members to the Labour
Party, just as it shed the bulk of
its "Right" membership to the
Conservatives.The bulk of the present Liberal
vote consists of what might be
called "middle-of-the-roads." These
broadly approve of the
Labour Government's social security
legislation, and indeed of its earlier
nationalisation measures, such as
those dealing with mines and rail-
ways. But they are extremely un-
easy about Steel and apprehensive
generally of any further nationalisa-
tion measures until the country has
had a reasonable opportunity of
seeing how the nationalised indus-
tries will shape.At the next election their general
tendency, in the absence of a
Liberal Candidate, would be to
vote Conservative, or to abstain.
For they want a go-slow period
which the Labour Party, under
heavy pressure from its Left, and
fearful of giving the Communists
the opportunity of representing it
as having exhausted its mission, is
not likely to offer them. So a few
hundred Liberal candidates would
probably result in Labour remain-
ing in office on a minority vote of
the electorate.

Slender Balance

LABOUR has an immense majority
in the present Parliament. But it
is perhaps not fully realised on
how slender a balance of votes
that majority rests. At the last
election, Labour polled, in round
figures, about 12 million votes; the
Conservatives, nine million; and the
Liberals, three million.In Britain, the fate of a general
election is usually decided by the
"floating vote." A turnover of only
seven and a half percent can make
all the difference between victory
and defeat.If every seat next time had a
straight fight between a Labour and
a Conservative candidate, and if
most of the Liberals voted Con-
servative, as I suggest they would
probably do, the odds are that the
Election would produce a change of
government. But that prospect
might well be defeated if Liberal
candidates emerge in large numbers.But suppose the Liberals do not
put up large numbers of candidates.
Suppose they concentrate on fifty
seats or so, which they might
have some hope of winning.
Then, whichever Party wins the
election, the Liberals will be con-
demned to third place. As against
this, however, if the balance be-
tween Conservatives and Labour
were to shift, it is conceivable that
even a small Party of Liberals in
the House might hold the balance
of power. And by the skillful use
of this they might substantially im-
prove their prospects at the next
election but one.

Crucial Part

WE might conceivably see a Con-
fession of Labour and Liberals on
terms largely dictated by the latter.
Or if the Labour Party refused ac-
ceptable terms, a Coalition of Con-
servatives and Liberals. In the
former case the terms to be
acceptable to the Liberals, would
have to provide for going-slow on
nationalisation. In the latter they
would have to provide for the con-
servative of the social insurance
legislation adopted in the present
Parliament.The recognition of the crucial part
which the small Liberal Party might
play in the next election accounts
for the frantic wooing of the
Liberals in the present Parliament
by both the Conservative and Labour
leaders. Mr Morrison, for whom
Lady Lloyd George has a con-
siderable admiration, is most anxious
not to offend them. Mr Churchill,
himself once a shining ornament of
the Liberal Party in its great days,
is most anxious to "include them in."
With the Tories, Lady Lloyd
George has both a political and a
personal quarrel. She inherits much
of her father's early radicalism. And
it was the Tories who wrecked her
father's career, and she is devoted
to her father's memory. She would
find it easier to make an accom-
modation with Labour than with
the Tories.

(Continued on Page 5)

TEN TOP SCIENTIFIC
ADVANCES OF 1948

By PAUL F. ELLIS

A review of the year, 1948
points to the discovery of a
new, powerful vitamin as the
top story in science.The new vitamin, known as
B-12, was isolated from liver
and it gives great hope for
those now suffering from perni-
cious anemia, one of the most
debilitating of diseases. Besides
having proved that it is
extremely beneficial in perni-
cious anemia, the vitamin may
be a key to many nutritional
problems affecting human
health.Announcement of the dis-
covery of vitamin B-12 was
made early in the year. Later
another group of scientists also
isolated the vitamin, having
found it in the litter on a
chicken house floor.As the year drew to a close the
first team announced that the
vitamin also was found being pro-
duced by the same mould from
which streptomycin is obtained.
The new development will mean
that B-12 can be produced in large
quantities.

SUPERSONIC BARRIER

The second scientific story of the
year—and some scientists may
place it first—was the cracking of
the supersonic barrier by the United
States Air Forces' XS-1 rocket
plane. Government announce-
ments said the plane had
flown "much faster than the speed
of sound many times" but the exact
miles per hour was never released.
At sea level the speed of sound is
about 750 miles an hour. Having
once cracked the supersonic bar-
rier, science may now develop
planes that will fly around the
world in 24 hours. Conceivably,
even better times can be made.
Most details of the supersonic flight
are top military secret.The first peek into the universe
by the world's biggest eye, the Hale
telescope at Mount Palomar, may
be called the third story in science.
The telescope was dedicated during
the year and is now going into
action.This 200-inch mirror will permit
astronomers to probe eight times
as much space in the universe as
has been observed. In years to
come, Palomar is expected to solve
many of the cosmic mysteries thatman has been trying to figure out,
such as how big is the universe and
whether there are other planets
where human life, as we know it,
may exist.The report of Prof. Alfred C.
Kinsley of Indiana on "Sexual
Behaviour of the Human Male"
was one of the most impor-
tant and most controversial
science stories of 1948. His book,
based on interviews with about
4,500 males, contradicted many
theories on just what is abnormal
sex behaviour.

HALF UNFAITHFUL

It found that almost half of mar-
ried men were unfaithful and that
most males had sex experience at
early ages. The report also shows
that sex habits of American males
differed as to so-called abnormal-
ity in relation to education, eco-
nomic and social standards.
The year showed great progress
in science's search for a drug to
cure diseases caused by a virus, such
as the common cold, infantile
paralysis, measles and mumps.
Tall eye infections and certain types
of venereal diseases.One of the new possible anti-
viral drugs is known as darvinal. In
tests against infantile paralysis in
mice, it was found to be effective.
The results in a few human cases
were inconclusive but the fact that
it showed promise as an anti-viral
agent in the experimental animal
gives promise of more encouraging
development.Another possible anti-viral drug
developed is known as aureomycin.
It might be called a cousin of
streptomycin. However, it has
proved effective against some types
of germs that streptomycin will not
attack.

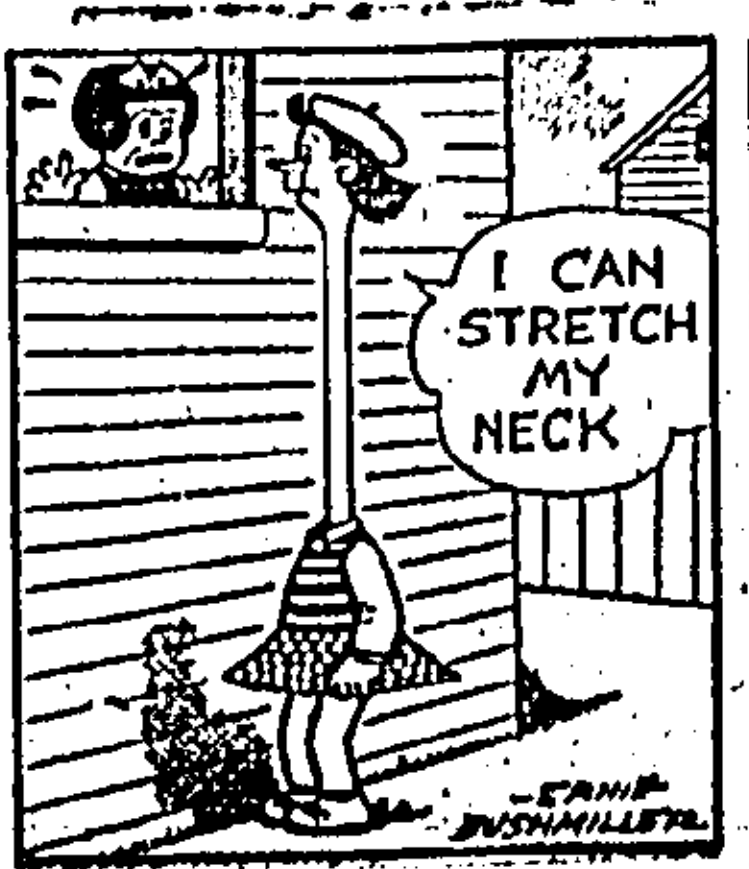
BRAIN CENTRES

Ranking sixth in the science
stories of 1948 was the discovery in
the medulla of the brain centres
that control breathing, blood cir-
culation and heart beat in the
human body. The discovery was
revealed at the international con-
ference on polio by a group of
University of Minnesota scientists.They said the discovery was made
during the study of human beings
taken at autopsy from persons who
died of the bulbar type of polio
during the 1940 epidemic in
Minnesota.The significance of the location of
the control centres lies in the
fact that medical scientists can
now create bulbar polio symptoms
in experimental animals and from
such studies possibly develop abetter means to treat bulbar polio
in human beings. It is now usually
fatal.Cancer research stories also were
among the "big 10" of 1948. One
development was the announce-
ment of a new microscope that
brings out many hidden traits of
the human life cell. The new mi-
croscope which has yet to be per-
fected employs ultra violet light
to produce full colour photographs
of tissues or parts of cells which are
completely colourless and trans-
parent in ordinary light.The microscope itself was not
new in 1948 but its application in
cancer work is sure to open new
approaches toward the cancer
problem.The other cancer research story
in the "big 10" was the production
of radioactive cobalt in the atomic
energy plant at Oak Ridge,
Tennessee. Government announce-
ments said radioactive cobalt may
be used as a substitute for the rare,
expensive radium in cancer treat-
ment.

SAFER TO USE

Radium is dangerous to work
with, whereas cobalt has a shorter
life and can be used in the body to
a safer degree. Production of the
isotope also eventually may permit
doctors to treat some cancer cases
without sending them to a hospi-
tal, where one usually must go if
he is to receive radium therapy.The progress of television was
again one of the "top 10" scientific
stories in 1948. Important gains
were made in extending the hori-
zon of television through use of
longer coaxial cables and the
micro-radio wave systems. In addi-
tion, it was demonstrated during
the year that aerial warfare at sea
land stations. Navy officials said
important military applications in
the event of another war.Rounding out the big scientific
stories was the progress in building
new atom smashing machines de-
signed to solve more cerebral prob-
lems. One of the important develop-
ments of the new type atom
smashers was the artificial crea-
tion of the meson, a particle from
cosmic radiation that bombards
the earth from somewhere out in
space. Study of the meson may
result in the discovery of what
holds the nucleus of the atom to-
gether. Such a discovery would be
one of the most important science
stories of this or any other century.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Lets Lead Hold To Make Contract

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

WHEN the bridge players of the nation assemble at the Roney Plaza Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla., for the winter session of the national tournament, they will find something there that is quite unusual. The Cabana Sun Club will have a special type of card table, constructed to hold the cards on the table in spite of the brisk ocean breeze.

Today's hand is one that resulted in a lot of interesting discussion at last year's winter, national tournament. Three no trump could be made easily but several North and South pairs found themselves in a difficult five-diamond contract.

West's opening lead of the king of spades held the first trick. If South had made the mistake of

♠ A 7	♥ 10 9 4 3	♦ 10 8 7 2	♣ 10 6 5 3
♠ K Q J 8	♥ A 2	♦ A 5	♣ A 10 9 8 7
♠ 4 3 2	♥ K 7 6	♦ K 6	♣ K 5 4
♠ 10 9 8 7	♥ 5 4	♦ 3 2	♣ 2
♠ 6 5	♥ 3 2	♦ 2	♣ 2

Dealer ♠ Q J 3

Tournament—Both vul.

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Opening—♠ K

taking this trick with dummy's ace, his contract would have been defeated. West continued with the queen of spades, which was won in dummy with the ace, declarer discarding a small club from his own hand.

Now the ace and king of diamonds were cashed, and the king and ace of clubs. A small club was ruffed by declarer with the jack of diamonds, and a small trump led to dummy's ten-spot. On the two high clubs in dummy declarer discarded two of his losing hearts. After conceding a heart trick, he won the rest of the tricks, making his contract.

If South had made the mistake of taking the first trick with the ace of spades in dummy, it would have been impossible to establish the club suit without first allowing East to get in the lead with the queen of clubs. East then would have switched to the jack of hearts, and this would have defeated the contract.

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. APPO and J. PINHEY

Black, 8 pieces



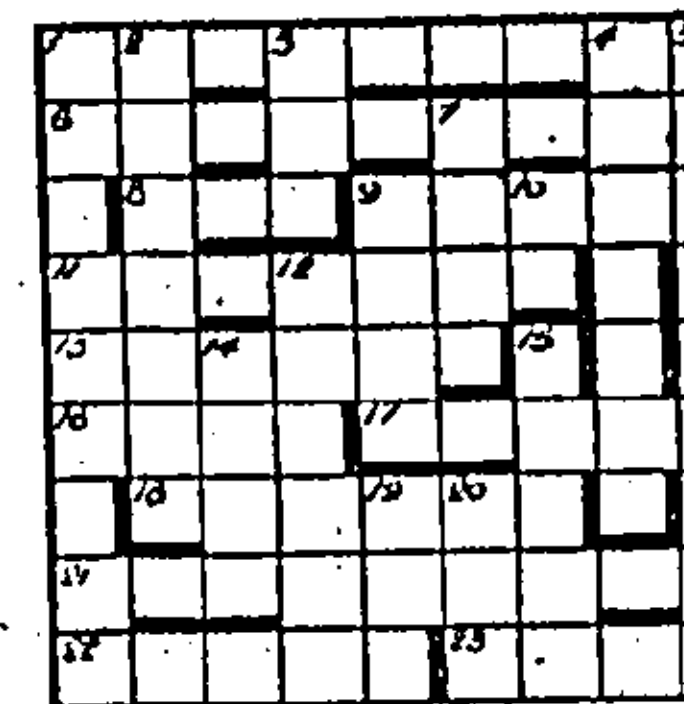
White, 10 pieces

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-Q4, 1. K-KP, 2. Kt-B6 (ch); 1. R-B4, 2. Q-KR3

CROSSWORD



Across

1. It makes the chair seem different. (4)

6. I'd no chain (anag.). (4-5)

8. Unite in reverse. (3)

10. This sea is part of the Indian Ocean. (4)

11. Suggests there is no time to waste. (4)

12. Mountain range that gives you a headache. (6)

13. Ornament with designs. (4)

22. Just a combination of one and one. (4)

Down

1. The time for mummy's Dr. (3-6)

2. Last, the sounds as though you finish yours. (7)

3. Out. (3)

4. High up in Chernarvon. (4)

5. Did barley for change. (4)

7. Interjection. (4)

9. I'm in homely surroundings. (4)

14. Voluble. (4)

15. Hulae. (4)

16. The lady hat. (3)

20. Tear. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Rattle. 2. Hiss. 3. Out. 4. High. 5. Did. 6. Hulae. 7. Interjection. 8. Hulae. 9. I'm in homely surroundings. 10. This sea is part of the Indian Ocean. 11. Suggests there is no time to waste. 12. Mountain range that gives you a headache. 13. Ornament with designs. 14. Voluble. 15. Hulae. 16. The lady hat. 17. Tear. 18. Hiss. 19. Rattle. 20. Tear. 21. Hiss. 22. Just a combination of one and one.



Check Your Knowledge

- Name the lowest point on the earth's surface.
- What is the meaning of Omar Khayyam's last name?
- Who was known as the "Swedish nightingale"?
- How many players are there on an ice hockey team?
- When did World War II start?
- Who wrote "Elegy in a Country Churchyard"?

(Answers in Column 4)

RECORDED MUSIC:

INSPIRED PERFORMANCE BY TOSCANINI

BY DELOS SMITH

ARTURO Toscanini and his NBC Symphony are back among current records after an absence of some months, with an inspired and inspiring performance of Mendelssohn's incidental music to "A Midsummer Night's Dream." (RCA Victor; four 12-inch.) It is the most extended excerpt from the score so far recorded, including the unfamiliar finale for solo soprano and women's chorus in addition to the most familiar overture, Intermezzo, nocturne, scherzo, and wedding march.

Mendelssohn's fourth symphony, the happy, energetic, and melodious "Italian," also has been given a new recording—by the Boston Symphony and Serge Koussevitzky—that has everything to recommend it in the way of performance and recording. (RCA Victor; three 12-inch.) The sprightly knowingsness of these venerable masters of the baton—Toscanini and Koussevitzky—with these standard scores, which they must have conducted hundreds of times during their years, is an engaging phenomenon.

Beecham's New Offering

Sir Thomas Beecham has the same durable enthusiasm but his current album is of the "made" variety and seems pointless. Entitled "Music from the 18th Century" it contains an overture by Paisiello, a precursor of Mozart who was obscured by his successor, a Beecham arrangement

of a Handel dance movement, one of Mozart's early and inconsequential symphonies, and an overture by the Frenchman, Melus, whose music was doomed to oblivion by Rossini's (RCA Victor; four 12-inch.) The performances reveal all the glittering brilliance of Beecham's Royal Philharmonic. Unhappily the music is the sort you enjoy hearing once or twice and after that seldom play again.

In this category also is an orchestral suite taken from Leococq's operetta, "La Fille de Madame Angot," recorded by the New York Philharmonic-Symphony, E. From Kurtz conducting. (Columbia; two 12-inch.) Leococq was such a slavish imitator of Offenbach you wouldn't be able to tell one from the other if Offenbach hadn't done the routines much better.

Hindemith And Bartok

Columbia is marketing first recordings of two contemporary excursions in serious music currently—Paul Hindemith's Quartet in E-flat played by the Budapest String Quartet and Bela Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra played by the Pittsburgh Symphony under Fritz Reiner.

The quartet (three 12-inch) is abstract, of course, but not at all remote. It has directness of expression and boldness of architecture. Much more emotional is the concerto (six 12-inch), although its evocation of emotion hardly could be called blatant. Both quartet and concerto have the benevolent power of honest music, which is to grow in your mind and heart. And both performances are attentive and loving; both recordings are excellent.

(Tomorrow—Unusual Angles)

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

- The Dead Sea in Palestine; The surface is 1280 feet below sea level.
- The tent maker (his father's trade). 3. Jenny Lind. 4. St. S. 5. September 1, 1939, when Germany invaded Poland. 6. Thomas Grey.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WHEN they start to publish designs for the National Theatre, I shall look forward to the usual fuss.

There will be a sketch of a building like a giant refrigerator designed by a lunatic, and if anyone says it is not beautiful he will be told that it is functional, austere, and hygienic. There will be another sketch of a reasonably dignified building, looking like a theatre. This will be rejected as being too likely to clash with a new power-station in its neighbourhood. By the time the building is half finished, someone will suggest that the north bank is a more convenient site and the fun will begin all over again. The half-completed building will then be taken over by the Board of Cultural Welfare, to house its officials, and Whitehall Court will be torn down to make a new site for the National Theatre.

Twenty Years of Uproar

A Royal de Musique in Brussels, Sprout, had just begun to conduct Dvorak's New World Symphony when a kindly thought occurred to him. Turning to the audience, while still waving his baton, he shouted, "Stop me if you've heard this one!"

Strabismus on the Amazon (VII)

(From Blotiaux)

A BLEARY-EYED old Indian offered to lead us by a secret trail to the mountain-cry of the hucupai. From him we learned that the bird is a cross between a barn-owl and a parrot, and our gallant leader decided to decoy it by constructing a wooden model of each of these creatures. The Doctor's argument is that, on seeing the owl and the parrot, the hucupai will be uncertain which to make friends with since he is a bit of both. He will hesitate, and that will be the moment to elap a large butterfly net over him. It will then be Mrs. Rawlin's task to imitate his call, and so entice his mate, the notorious egg-layer. The call, as the Indian described it, is a kind of rapidly repeated hiccup, and the alarm note sounds like a dried pea hitting a sheet of zinc. Armed with these facts we started to climb Mt. Hiyagukas.

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

BORN today, you need to cultivate a little more positive aggressiveness. By nature, you are an executive. But you are the quiet, reserved type who takes a long time to make a first impression and usually bores from within rather than pushing from without. A combination of these two characteristics would probably speed up your progress toward success.

You have excellent judgment, a keen, native wit and a ready tongue. Being an optimist at heart you are usually able to look on the bright side of things no matter how dark they may appear at first. You have the ability to make money, if that is what you want and if you will concentrate on it. But you are apt to be interested in things other than commerce and business. The arts and sciences hold a fascination for you and you would be happiest in one of these fields.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A poor day for most of your activities, so be guarded in all you undertake. Don't make promises you can't keep.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A moderately fair day, but not one for overexpansion. Take things as they come; make the best of them.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Routine looms up your horizon as more important than usual. Be careful of all detail work to avoid an error.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be exceptionally diplomatic, especially in anything you write. An unwelcome visitor or unhappy news may demand tact.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Stick fairly close to routine right now. Don't overexpand on any venture until you know a lot about it.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Personal initiative will count. A change of residence may improve your outlook, too. Remain optimistic.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—New business, perhaps due to wise advertising, is indicated for you right now. Help any in need.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Romance and marriage may have their setbacks but you can smooth over all disagreements with tact and patience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—With a little extra effort on your part you can sidestep trouble and make definite progress right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Be cautious today. There are definite, poor trends, so be guarded in all you undertake.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Avoid crowds today and you will avoid trouble. Safeguard personal possessions. Postpone decisions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Complacency between employer and employee may be a little disturbed, so be very careful.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

UN Statistics Show British Export Rise

Lake Success, Feb. 9.—Britain was among the four countries which in 1948 "greatly surpassed" their prewar export figures, according to the latest issue of the United Nations' monthly bulletin of statistics.

The other three were Australia, Switzerland and the United States.

The tables in the bulletin showing the volume of foreign trade of 1948 reflect the slowness of recovery of exports owing to the dislocation of the war years and to the present obstacles to international trade.

US Alarm At Slump In Prices

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The United States Government has ordered a complete investigation on the Chicago Board of Trade following wild fluctuations in the price of grains and a general slump in commodity prices.

The drop in the grain market has sent wheat prices below the \$2 a bushel level for the first time in two years, and wholesale food prices have dropped 22 cents during the past week.

Soy beans today fell the full 10-cent daily limit to \$2.15, hog prices have been consistently falling and are now at their lowest level since 1937, and there is nervous fluctuation on other markets as traders decide to play on the sidelines until the situation stabilizes.

The decline in the wholesale food price index has carried it to its lowest level since October 8, 1946, when controls were still in operation.

In Washington top administration Agriculture officials are hastening to assure farmers that there is no reason to panic.

They say that Government price supports will quickly check the fall, and admit that unless prices recover soon the Government will have to pay out millions of dollars in support operations.

Mr. Charles Brennan, the Secretary of Agriculture, blamed the drop on "speculative influences" and said that it should have little effect on wheat producers.

Mr. Leon Keyserling, vice-chairman of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers said: "It is not surprising, but very disturbing."

—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

This morning's turnover on the Stock Exchange was \$202,541.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HK Bank	1835	2 @ 1825	10 @ 1820
East Asia		50 @ 130	
Union		520 815	
Underwriters		520 815	
DOCKERS, ETC.		714	
N. P. Wharf		2714	500 @ 2714
Dock		2714	500 @ 2714
Shai Dock		1060	100 @ 1034
LAND, ETC.		1540 1570	200 @ 1540
HK Hotel		1540 1570	500 @ 1540
			1000 @ 1540
HK Land		60 6714	1000 @ 340
Shai Land		320	400 @ 144
Humphreys		1414	100 @ 134
Star Ferry		13014	100 @ 134
C. Light (O)		11 1520	100 @ 1510
C. Light (N)		11 1140	133 @ 11
			358 @ 11
			1000 @ 1110
			500 @ 1110
			300 @ 2914
Electric		39 3514	
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement		20 2114	
Rope		40 2114	
STOIRS, ETC.			
Dairy (N)		61 4314	
Star Ferry		57 59	
Watson (N)		57 59	
COTTONS			
Ewo		830	200 @ 830
			500 @ 814

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:	
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	15.20
Sterling pound note (per £1)	207.5
Gold bar (per 100)	207.5
500 franc (per 100)	0.23
1000 franc (per 100)	0.23
1000 franc (per 100)	0.23
Gold yuan (per yuan)	0.0315

Exchange Rates

Closing Rates Feb. 9.	
Argentine Peso (Official)	US\$0.2077
Argentine Peso (Market)	2.00
Australia	3.2314
Brazil	0.60
Belgium	0.2214
Canada	0.2214
Chile	0.2214
France	0.0314
India	0.0314
Mexico	0.0314
New Zealand	4.02
Peru	0.070
Portugal	20.04
South Africa	4.0314
Sweden	2.65
Switzerland	2.710
Uruguay	5.300
Venezuela	3.010
Netherlands	2.775
Butavia	2.500
Singapore	4.750
Hongkong	2.500
Shanghai	0.075

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail, if mail close before 5 p.m. registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

LOAN TO SPAIN

New York, Feb. 9.—The New York Times said today that the Chase National Bank of New York has made a short term loan to Spain of \$2,500,000. It is said to be the first major Spanish credit by a United States commercial bank in recent years.—Associated Press.

The remaining fifteen countries for which figures are shown have levels of exports considerably below those of prewar years.

They range from Hungary, whose export level is only 31 percent of 1937, to Poland, which in the first half of 1948 reached a figure of 84 percent of its prewar level.

Index numbers for sale prices in the closing months of 1948 are shown for more than 30 countries. Of these, 19 countries show downward or stationary tendencies, while 11 show upward tendencies.

It is clear that the strong upward pressure on the price level which was evident at the beginning of 1948 was greatly allayed in many countries towards the end of the year.—Associated Press.

Caution Seen On Rubber Market

New York, 9.—Number 1 contract rubber futures today closed 10 to 15 points higher on sales totalling 92 contracts.

Standard futures closed 10 points higher on sales totalling two contracts.

The market was steady from opening to close, bolstered by stability at London and Singapore, but activity was reduced in futures and physicals were dull.

Traders on both sides were cautious because of the convulsive action of other commodities, especially grains. Sellers were wary about pressing offerings because of the firmness of supplies from the East and the prevailing discounts under synthetic rubber. Conversely buyers were hesitant because of the indifference shown by domestic factories.

Unless the decline in domestic commodities is arrested, bearishly inclined traders fear repercussions on the purchasing power of agricultural areas which would affect the sales of car tyres etc.

The consensus of opinion suggests that the market is on debatable ground.

Prices closed as follows—

No. 1 Contract Rubber Futures	
March	16.12 traded
April	16.00 bid
May	15.88 nominal
June	15.80 bid
July	15.75 nominal
August	15.60 bid
September	15.75 nominal
October	15.65
November	15.50
December	15.40
January (1929)	15.30
February	15.25
March	15.20
April	15.15
Standard Contract Rubber Futures	
March	18.25 nominal
April	18.15 bid
May	18.05 nominal
	17.95
	—United Press.

HONGKONG HOTELS CASE JUDGMENT

(Continued from Page 5)

Finally the learned defending counsel suggested that a very underhand method had been employed to get evidence to incriminate the defendants, when he referred to the accredited hotel inspectors' visits and requests made between the 1st and the 4th of September 1948 and the execution of the Search Warrant on the 15th September 1948.

The managing director of the defendant company also said in reply to his Counsel that the hotel inspectors' visit and the search of the hotel on September 15th was a request made on the 14th September 1948 in company of two police inspectors from the Special Branch who had called the hotel on the 14th of September 1948.

The learned defending Counsel submitted that the search of the hotel was a search of the hotel and not a search of the hotel's records and that the search warrant was to get incriminating evidence against the defendants.

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AUTHORITIES QUOTED

According to Archbold's 400 (1943 Edition) inspection of corporation and other public writings is relevant to the case, but not in criminal cases where the corporation is defendant as it would have the effect of making a corporation liable for the actions of its officers.

In *Spokes v. Grosvenor Hotel & Co.* (1897) 1 Q.B. 124, Lord Esher M.R. (1897) Q.B. 124, the decision to be taken by the court in such cases was that the corporation was to be treated as a person and not as a collection of individuals. The corporation was to be treated as a person and not as a collection of individuals. The corporation was to be treated as a person and not as a collection of individuals.

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"LAW WELL SETTLED"

In *W. H. Heydon (1921) 1 W.L.R. 251*, where on an application for election bribery the Prosecution moved for a rule to inspect and take copies of the books of the defendant, the Court, in order to prove one Hobbs—who was to be produced as a witness for the Prosecution to a Freeman of Exeter—had been an attempt to make the corporation furnish evidence in a criminal prosecution, the Court refused to grant the rule. The Court said that the rule was not to be granted as it would be to produce evidence in a criminal prosecution.

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CAN BE CONVICTED

It is true that a company cannot suffer all the pains to which a real person is subject. It can, however, in certain cases, be convicted and punished with grave consequences to its reputation and to its members and we can see no ground for depriving a juristic person of those safeguards while the Law of England accords even to the least deserving natural person. It would not be in accordance with principle that any person capable of committing and incurring the penalties of a crime should be exempted from the process of law to admit a criminal offence.

What was the incriminating evidence in question that justified Mr. Sheldon's attack?

It consisted of two documents, namely (a) Exh. M. (b) Exh. D.

(a) Exh. M. was a copy of Daily State, dated 4th September 1948, containing a list of names of persons who had been in the hotel on the 14th of September 1948. The list was headed "Persons who had been in the hotel on the 14th of September 1948." The list was headed "Persons who had been in the hotel on the 14th of September 1948."

Alleged Spy Ring Leader



Sam Carr (left), accused co-leader of a one-time Russian spy ring in Canada, accompanied by an agent of the FBI after his arrest. Carr has been turned over to immigration officials at Ellis Island pending deportation proceedings. A Canadian Justice Department official said Carr probably would be tried in Toronto for violations of the Official Secrets Act. (AP Wirephoto).

Commons Questions Of Conduct Of British Troops In Malaya

London, Feb. 9.—The conduct of the British troops in Malaya had been "very good indeed," Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, said today.

Mr. Emrys Hughes, Left Wing Labour Member, had asked in Parliament how many British soldiers stationed in Malaya had been charged with crimes against civilians and the nature of their offences. The Colonial Secretary replied that he was consulting the Malayan Government and would let Mr. Hughes have replies.

Sir Thomas Moore (Conservative) asked how many Malayan civilians had been charged with crimes against British soldiers. Mr. Creech Jones replied that he did not know.

Earl Winterton (Conservative) asked that to remove from the British Army in Malaya the stigma that there had been an undue number of crimes would the Colonial Secretary make this information available to the House?

"Some of us are not prepared to allow an attack on British soldiers to go unanswerred," he said.

Mr. Creech Jones: "I associate myself with Lord Winterton's remarks. The conduct of the troops has been very good indeed."

Address By Spary's Counsel

(Continued from Page 1)

who have to consider such things to look at it from the commonsense point of view and see whether there is not a reasonable explanation.

"Here is a man who has worked here for 25 years, who has earned a good name and who, I might say, belonged to the Crown from the day he was born—his father was a soldier and he himself has served in the Army. Is it reasonable or logical that a man of that sort who has had the highest consideration from everybody and who is on the eve of getting his own pension, would do such a paltry thing like this? And for what? \$500? I suggest to you, knowing this country, that a man who has done anything like that would remain in the hands of his men for ever and evermore. He would have been blackmailed until his last breath had been drawn out."

"I say to you that Spary is probably a man who is anxious to shine in his own circle. He likes to be a member of clubs and that sort of thing. There is nothing to show he is a man who might be described as 'frugal' and in the difficulties that occurred after the war, he would be the first to come forward and lend a hand and do what he could. He has a passion for engineering which I detect, and I suggest his inclination was to shine among his peers."

Counsel is still addressing the jury.

W.O. Messenger Suspended

London, Feb. 9.—The War Office announced today that H. King, a War Office messenger and leader of the protest march here last week of Government women cleaners has been suspended from duty.

The War Office refuses to say why, but press reports say King is a Communist.

Women cleaners are asking for an increase in pay from one shilling and eight pence—halfpenny to two shillings an hour.—Reuter.

Mindszenty Case To Come Before UN

Canberra, Feb. 9.—The Australian Foreign Minister, Dr. Herbert Evatt, who is President of the United Nations General Assembly, said today that the Mindszenty case probably would be raised before the April session of the Assembly in New York.

Dr. Evatt told Parliament that the case was an "apparent breach of the Hungarian peace treaty" under which the Hungarian Government agreed to protect the fundamental rights of individuals regardless of race, religion or political opinion.

He disclosed that the Australian Ambassador in Paris sought six times to get permission to attend the trial and six times was refused.

"This is a prima facie case for the closest investigation, not only into the case of Cardinal Mindszenty but also into two previous cases of Church leaders charged in Hungary," Dr. Evatt said.

"If similar cases occur anywhere in the world, especially when a treaty violation is involved, they are a threat to freedom everywhere in the world. Under the peace treaty, Hungary guaranteed freedom of worship and speech—United Press."

JOINT PROTEST

London, Feb. 9.—Western nations who signed the Hungarian peace treaty are expected to start a series of informal consultations to decide whether to make a joint protest against the trial and conviction of Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty on charges of treason.

The consultations would be conducted through diplomatic channels. The most that could be expected would be a formal protest.

This developed as non-Communist Western Europe expressed indignation at the sentencing of the Hungarian Cardinal to life imprisonment. But the Communist press of Europe gloated over the verdict along the lines of the London Daily Worker's headline over its editorial, "His Lord Rewards."

Meanwhile, the non-Communist world waits in expectation of a statement by the Pope, whose reaction of shock was not hidden by Vatican sources.

Although non-Communist Western Europe was not surprised at the outcome of the Cardinal's trial, its horror and indignation were not lessened.—United Press.

New York's Taste Of Spring

New York, Feb. 9.—New Yorkers got a sample of Spring today when the temperature soared to an all-time high for the date.

At 2 p.m. thermometers registered 59 degrees, the warmest February 9 since the Weather Bureau began keeping records in 1871.

Sunshine and balmy skies brought thousands of people to the city's parks.—United Press.

DANGER OF BREAKDOWN

Mr. Hughes: "Has the Colonial Secretary not admitted that the private of the Southern Highlands, had been sentenced to be flogged in Singapore?"

There were other cases. Why should these questions not be asked, he said.

Mr. Creech Jones: "There are bound to be incidents with a very great body of men."

On another subject, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative, asked for a statement on "the increase of fatal incidents and the danger of a breakdown in the Malayan economy due to the failure to suppress a new wave of insurgent activity."

The Colonial Secretary replied that he could not accept the implications of Mr. Fletcher's question. "Murders of civilians by terrorists fell from an average of 48 a month during the period June to December 31 in January 1949."

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, Independent, asked whether to restore peaceful conditions in Malaya, the Minister had sought the co-operation of Communist elements in the country.

Col. Spencer Chapman or other officers who served with the guerrilla forces in that country during the Japanese occupation.

Mr. Creech Jones replied that a number of these officers were serving with the security forces in Malaya.

WORKERS' WELFARE

Mr. Philip Price, (Labour) asked whether, "in view of an improvement of the situation in Malaya," the Minister would consider what steps can be taken to meet any Communist attempts in the country either by a reorganisation of labour unions by welfare schemes among the workers or by a land settlement among the Malays.

Mr. Creech Jones replied that all these measures were receiving the close attention of the Government of the Federation of Malaya. Much had already been accomplished but he was bringing Mr. Price's suggestion to the notice of the High Commissioner.

Mr. Philip Piratin (Communist) asked how many of the 5,291 people detained in Malaya and Singapore made an objection to the Advisory Committee's report on the country.

Mr. Piratin also asked whether he would make a statement about "the burning of the village of Batang Kali, North Malaya, by British troops," stating how many houses were burned, how many people were rendered homeless, what aid was rendered to them and why this measure was taken.

Mr. Creech Jones replied: "I have no record of any such incident at Batang Kali."—Reuter.

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NOTICE

HONGKONG KENNEL CLUB

Members are notified that a talk on "Dogs & Dog Shows" will be given by Mr. W. S. Hunt at the Roof Garden, Hongkong Hotel at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 10th February.

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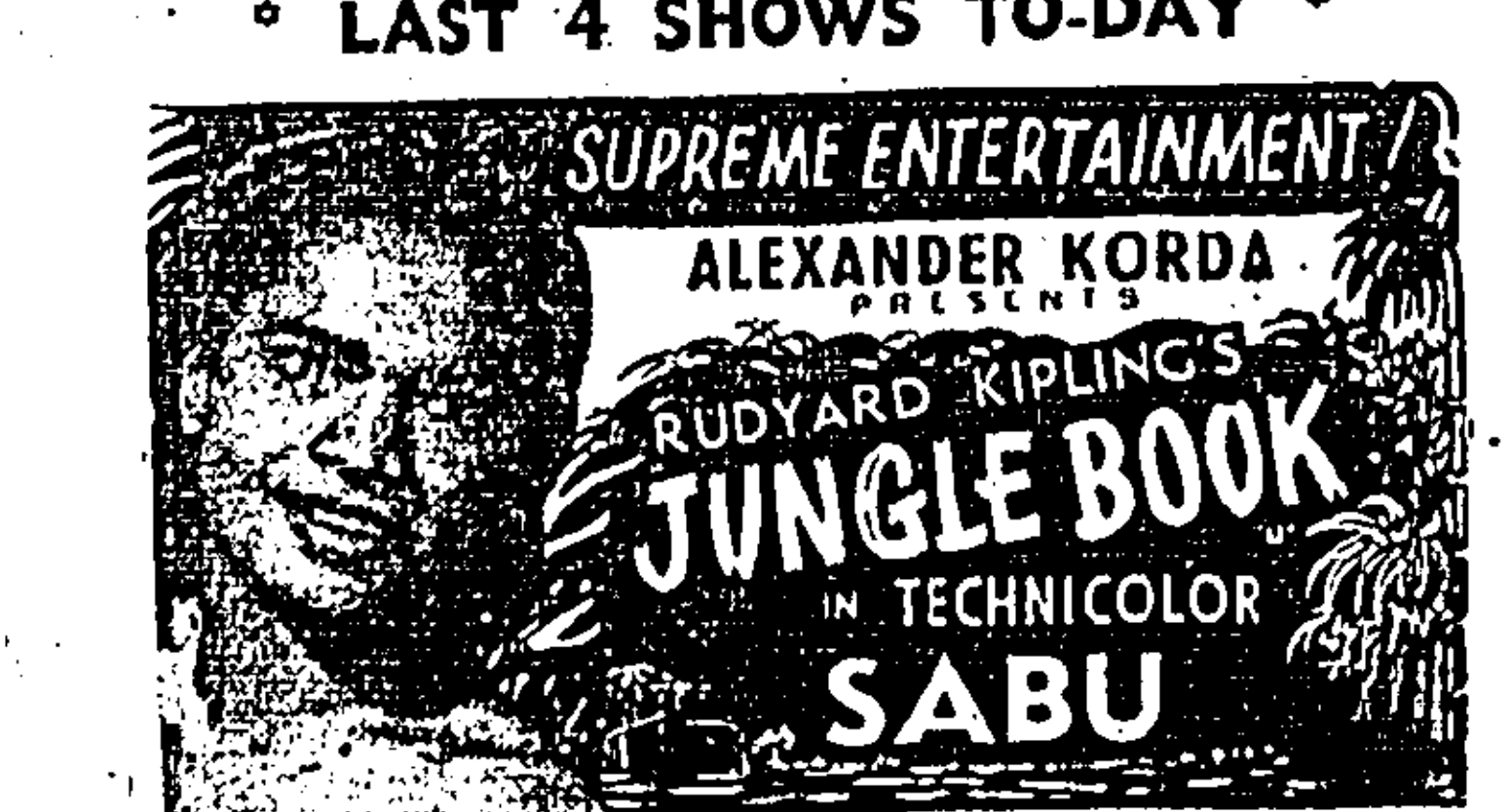
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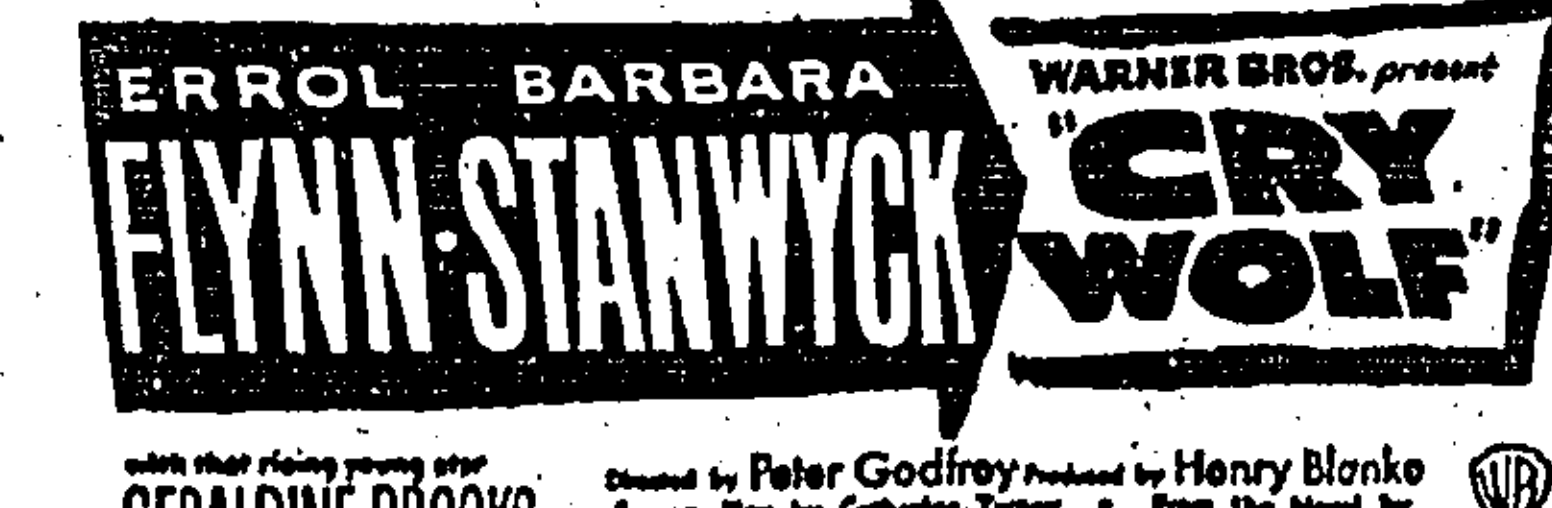
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